

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method of conditioning hair comprising:

i) applying a hair treatment composition consisting essentially of 0.5 to 25 % by weight of at least one oil agent, ~~and~~ a solvent, and having a water content of 0 to 15 % by weight to dry hair;

ii) allowing the hair to stand for 3 to 120 minutes; and

iii) washing the hair treatment composition away

wherein said dry hair has a water content of not more than 30% by weight.

2. (previously presented) The method of conditioning hair according to claim 1, wherein the hair to which said hair treatment composition has been applied is covered so that a component of said hair treatment composition may not escape while being allowed to stand.

3. (currently amended) A method of conditioning hair comprising:

i) applying a hair treatment composition consisting essentially of 0.5 to 25 % by weight of at least one oil agent, ~~and~~ a solvent, and having a water content of 0 to 15 % by weight to dry hair;

ii) warming the hair at a prescribed temperature for a prescribed period of time with the hair being covered; and

iii) washing the hair treatment composition away,

wherein said dry hair has a water content of not more than 30% by weight.

4. (previously presented) The method of conditioning hair according to claim 3, wherein said warming the hair is carried out at 35°C or higher for 3 minutes or longer.

5. (previously presented) The method of conditioning hair according to claim 3 or 4, wherein said warming the hair is carried out with a hair warming cap having heating parts.

Claims 6-10 (canceled)

11. (previously presented) The method of conditioning hair according to claim 1, wherein said hair treatment composition comprises 3 to 99 wt.% of said solvent.

12. (previously presented) The method of conditioning hair according to claim 1, wherein said hair treatment composition comprises 5 to 50 wt.% of said solvent.

13. (previously presented) The method of conditioning hair according to claim 1, wherein a total proportion of said oil agent and said solvent in said composition is from 5.5 to 100 % by weight.

14. (previously presented) The method of conditioning hair according to claim 1, wherein a total proportion of said oil agent and said solvent in said composition is from 10 to 70 % by weight.

15. (previously presented) The method of conditioning hair according to claim 1, wherein said oil agent is selected from the group consisting of ester oils, triglyceride oils,

higher alcohols, hydrocarbon oils, silicone oils, vegetable oils, animal oils and a mixture thereof.

16. (previously presented) The method of conditioning hair according to claim 15, wherein said oil agent is an ester oil selected from the group consisting of isopropyl palmitate, isopropyl myristate, octyl palmitate, cetyl palmitate, propylene glycol dicaprates, neopentyl glycol dicaprates, neopentyl glycol di(2-ethylhexanoate), isononyl isononanoate and a mixture thereof.

17. (previously presented) The method of conditioning hair according to claim 15, wherein said oil agent is a triglyceride oil selected from the group consisting of glycerol tri(2-ethylhexanoate), glycerol tricaprates and a mixture thereof.

18. (previously presented) The method of conditioning hair according to claim 15, wherein said oil agent is a higher alcohol selected from the group consisting of cetanol, myristyl alcohol, stearyl alcohol, behenyl alcohol, 2-octyldodecanol and a mixture thereof.

19. (previously presented) The method of conditioning hair according to claim 1, wherein said oil agent is selected from the group consisting of liquid paraffin and octamethylsiloxane.

20. (previously presented) The method of conditioning hair according to claim 1, wherein said solvent is a liquid at ambient temperature and carries a hydroxyl group.

21. (previously presented) The method of conditioning hair according to claim 1, wherein said solvent is selected from the group consisting of lower alcohols having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, polyhydric alcohols, alkylene carbonates and N-methylpyrrolidone.

22. (previously presented) The method of conditioning hair according to claim 1, wherein said solvent is selected from the group consisting of behenyl alcohol, benzyloxyethanol, glycerol, propylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, propylene carbonate, N-methylpyrrolidone and a mixture thereof.

23. (previously presented) The method of conditioning hair of claim 1, wherein said dry hair has a water content of 20 % by weight or less.

24. (previously presented) The method of conditioning hair of claim 1, wherein said oil agent comprises isopropyl palmitate.

25. (previously presented) The method of conditioning hair of claim 3, wherein said oil agent comprises isopropyl palmitate.

26. (previously presented) The method of conditioning hair of claim 1, wherein said solvent is at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of benzyloxyethanol and dipropylene glycol.

27. (previously presented) The method of conditioning hair of claim 3, wherein said solvent is at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of benzyloxyethanol and dipropylene glycol.

28. (previously presented) The method of conditioning hair of claim 1, wherein hair conditioning results from applying said hair treatment composition.

29. (previously presented) The method of conditioning hair of claim 3, wherein hair conditioning results from applying said hair treatment composition.